

right and Forest Halsey, elaborated by John C. Stapleton. It deals with Wall Street problems. Emmet Corrigan and Margaret Bourne are to play the leading parts.

Eugene Walter is finishing up two plays for next season. One is a big melodrama, which will probably be called "The Last Muster," and the other is a comedy entitled "The Macbeths." Eugene Walter is slated for the star role in "Another Way" and David Belasco will be the producer.

Over in London Charles Frohman has his own theaters filled with attractions and has been obliged to borrow the money from the bank to keep the place open. The "Boys and Betty" is the latest attraction. The title is taken from the name of the company. Mr. Harrison was the first manager to read one of Mr. Davies' manuscripts, that of "Cousin Kate."

Donald Bryan, who originated the character of Prince Danilo in "The Merry Widow," severed his connection with the company in Pittsburgh last Tuesday night. William Weeden, on behalf of the company, presented Mr. Bryan with a beautiful cane and umbrella. The place was taken by H. J. Rehill of Pittsburgh, who has been with the company for some time.

As a result of the preliminary performances of the new play by Hartley Manners, which Colman & Harris produced recently in Trenton, its title has been changed to "The House Next Door." Originally it was known as "Birth," and subsequently as "The Majesty of Birth." Another outcome of the trial performances has been the promotion of J. E. Dodson to the position of star.

The contract which has been in force for several years between Charles Frohman and Ben Teal has expired and will not be renewed. In making this announcement Mr. Frohman calls attention to the fact that during his term of service there has not been one failure registered against his general stage director. In a few weeks Mr. Teal will go abroad to take charge of a new production.

Edward Hines of 1540 17th street north west sails on the steamship Moltke April 27 for Naples, Italy, to study vocal culture under Maestro De Falco, Milan, Italy. This step is to be taken under the advice of Caruso, who heard Mr. Hines sing on his last visit to Washington. So impressed was Caruso that he personally arranged, through correspondence with De Falco, one of his old teachers, for Mr. Hines' tuition. To further his musical studies Mr. Hines has arranged with the management of the Belasco to take a benefit the opening night of Mary Mannering in "The Truants" next Monday night.

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The past year has been one of many triumphs for Mimi Rider-Kelsey. She has filled more engagements than any other American singer within the same space of time, ending her season in this country last year with the Cincinnati festival and the touring tour of the month of May with the Theodore Thomas Orchestra. Early in June she sailed for London to begin rehearsals for her operatic debut July 2. All this time she has been in the expression of admiration. The singer returned to her native land in November and has filled on an average six engagements weekly. Mimi, less than four years from obscurity in less than four years and is now heralded as one of the greatest American sopranos.

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Special Correspondence of The Star.

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With the call that is being sounded for a meeting of the democrats of the state in convention to frame a platform for the candidates of the party, it is believed that the existing primary election law is to be amended at an early date. The plan has been in vogue for about six years, and while it has satisfied those who were intended to be most affected by it, it has not met the expectations or hopes of its advocates. The primary was expected to wreak vengeance on the element of the party which participated in the defeat of Gen. Fitz Lee for the Senate, and to elevate to control and supremacy those who were inimical to that faction of the party, but it has accomplished exactly the reverse.

Senator Martin was the leader who appeared before the convention when the plan was presented and advocated in the last convention, much to the disgust of the men who had hoped and believed that he would oppose it.

What is more, the convention which adopted the plan was composed of delegates who were favorable to Senator Martin, and had he but said the word the plan would have been defeated. But he made the concession to the primary advocates, and four years ago the result was the people on a plan which had originated with his opponents, and succeeded in winning out. For eight years no state convention has been held, save those which met to send delegates to the national conventions. There has been no platform in any state contest, and the absence of a declaration of principles has been detrimental to the party. The republicans have not followed the example of the democrats, but have each year framed a platform, and each time they have gone before the people the vote of that party has increased.

Now, the discovery that the primary plan has abolished the convention has been made. Those who were loudest in lauding the primary have grown lukewarm in many instances, and a demand is springing up for a change, whereby there will be no more primaries. It is believed that it will eventually in favor of the candidates direct, and permitting the candidates to name as many delegates in proportion to their strength in each precinct in the state, thus allowing for minority representation, and then to hold a convention and to declare the principles of the party. That will allow for the retention of the primary plan and also for the holding of conventions.

May Force the Issue.

It is possible that the liquor interests and the opponents of local option may surprise the Anti-Saloon League folks in this city and in Norfolk by petitioning the courts for a local option election before such a step can be taken by the temperance folks. That is not only a possibility, but it is said to be a strong possibility. This is founded on the fact that the voters in registering strongly in this city especially. The poll lists for the November election will not close on the date of the present month, and the voters who are qualified to vote in the fall election are to be permitted to vote in a local option contest. That is the rule of the supreme court of appeals in the Frederickburg case, decided a few weeks ago.

By asking for the election at date earlier than the Anti-Saloon League might desire would force a double election at one and the same time in each of the cities, and thereby divide the forces of the temperance folks. The campaign is already on in the city of Norfolk, where the Anti-Saloon League has established headquarters and is conducting a campaign with a view to having the election during the fall.

Braxton and the Railroads.

Allen Caperton Braxton, the author of the corporation commission article in the present state constitution, has declared that the effort of the Anti-Saloon League to make the railroads a futile. Mr. Braxton is a lawyer of recognized ability, and was associate counsel for the state in its effort to sustain the position of the commission in the two-cent rate hearing was unanimous in the expression of admiration. The singer returned to her native land in November and has filled on an average six engagements weekly. Mimi, less than four years from obscurity in less than four years and is now heralded as one of the greatest American sopranos.

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Capt. Jack Chandler, oyster inspector for Northumberland and Westmoreland counties, Va., magistrate and school trustee in Westmoreland, and a prominent resident of the northern neck of Virginia, was killed in a runaway accident near Nomin Thursday night last.

Capt. Chandler was on his way from one part of the county to another. In some manner his horse became frightened and bolted. Though Capt. Chandler was a skillful driver and had been handling horses all his life, he was thrown from the buggy.

He was found Friday morning lying alongside the road with his neck broken. His body was taken to his home at Montross for burial yesterday.

His wife and one son survive him. Capt. Chandler was well known at this city and had a number of relatives here.

ROCKVILLE, MD.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

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Reginald B. Jones of Barnesville district has filed suit in the circuit court here against his uncle, Louis B. Scholl of the upper section of the county, for the specific performance of a contract. Jones seeks to have the court pass an order requiring Scholl to convey to him a one-half interest in a farm of 165 acres near Dickinson, this county. The bill alleges that in 1901 Scholl signed an agreement to sell his interest in the farm to Jones for a certain sum, but that he now declines to convey the title. Jones' mother, who is Scholl's sister, holds the other half interest in the farm. Attorney Thomas Dawson represents Jones, and Patrick J. Moran, father of Mrs. Daniel B. Day of Rockville, died very suddenly at Gardon, W. Va., a few days ago. While out walking he was stricken with heart failure and died within a very few minutes. The funeral took place yesterday morning from St. Augustine's Catholic Church, Grafton. Mr. Moran was for many years one of the

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